

#33

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 3

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/322,289
Filing Date	May 28, 1999
First Named Inventor	Schenk, Dale B.
Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	Turner, Sharon
Attorney Docket Number	15270J-004740US

RECEIVED  
OCT 15 1999  
PA 1:45  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	305	09/724,842	11-28-2000	Chalifour, et al.	not for publication
	326	2002/0136718 A1	09-26-2002	Raso	
	325	2002/0102261 A1	08-01-2002	Raso	
	306	6,417,178 B1	07-09-2002	Klunk et al.	
	321	5,837,672	11-17-1998	Schenk et al.	
	320	5,593,846	01-14-1997	Schenk et al.	

RECEIVED

OCT 18 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD- YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	322	PCT	00/72880	A2, A3	12-07-2000			
	323	PCT	00/72876	A2, A3	12-07-2000			
	324	PCT	00/72870	A1	12-07-2000			

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

10-6-03

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

PA 3257163 v1  
PA 3255579 v2